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UM MICROBIOLOGY DEPARTMENT
RECEIVES \$18,000 CONTRACT

MISSOULA--

A contract totaling \$18,063 has been awarded to the University of Montana Department of Microbiology to develop a national reference standard endotoxin to be used in the testing of blood products and injectable solutions.

The contract with the Food and Drug Administration of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare will be administered by Dr. Jon A. Rudbach, UM associate professor of microbiology.

Rudbach said the reference standard will be used by pharmaceutical companies and research laboratories throughout the world as a reference for establishing the minimum quantities of the endotoxins detectable by the companies' test procedures.

Endotoxins are poisonous substances which may contaminate blood products and injectable solutions.

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